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Assignment of house-sites to Harijans at 15 cents per family in Malabar.

* 493 *Q*.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to State whether the Government have appointed a Special Officer to take urgent steps for giving 15 cents of lands per family to Harijans in Malabar for house-sites and if not, whether they propose to do so?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The matter is under consideration and orders on the proposals will be issued soon."

Appointment of District Panchayat Officers.

* 494 *Q*.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Deputy Panchayat Officers were appointed as District Panchayat Officers, Grade II, in 1954; and

(*b*) in how many cases of appointments referred to in clause (*a*), seniority was overlooked and juniors were appointed?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Twenty-one Deputy Panchayat Officers (including those on other duty) were appointed on promotion as District Panchayat Officers, II Grade in 1954.

" (*b*) Nineteen."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the Government maintain any seniority list and how many men were employed overlooking claims of senority? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Government maintain a seniority list. Only in 19 cases, seniority was overlooked because the ability and skill of those concerned in these cases were found to be not satisfactory."

Single-teacher schools in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 495 *Q*.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri V. Balakrishnan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 11–10 a.m.

(*a*) the number of single-teacher schools newly opened in Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) how many of them are in Pudukkottai Division?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Number of schools allotted to the district—312.

Number of schools actually opened up to 20th November 1954—125.

" (*b*) Number of schools allotted to the Pudukkottai Division—138.

Number of schools opened up to 20th November 1954—40."